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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

In the main THE INDEPENDENT concurs with the Bulletin in the matter of municipal and county governments throughout these Islands, as well as in its contention that no time should be lost in arousing an interest amongst the people toward these matters of much moment to the public at large. THE INDEPENDENT further believes that if it is the intention to have these matters brought up again in the coming Legislature, no time should be lost in having these measures properly drafted, and, besides, have them duly considered and ventilated in due season.

THE INDEPENDENT has been informed that someone has stated with some show of authority and certainty that it endorses Judge Little's candidacy for the governorship, and that it has pledged him its support. As far as THE INDEPENDENT is concerned no assurance has as yet been given by anyone in authority on its behalf to support the ambitious Judge as our next Governor, and furthermore, it will not assist any malihini to gain such a post of importance as against the claim of any kamaaina suited for the place. THE INDEPENDENT is for kamaaina rule as against malihini rule. And it hopes that its position has been made clear enough for all to know.

There was a large attendance at the Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday morning, at the military high pontifical mass held for the men of the French cruiser Protet. The Bishop of Papeete was the officiant and celebrant during the service, who also delivered the sermon, and was assisted by the other members of the clergy.

In Search of the Condor.

ASTORIA, Jan. 22.—The British cruiser Phaeton arrived off the river today and is awaiting orders from Esquimaux, on receipt of which she will go in search of the sloop of war Condor, which sailed from Esquimaux December 2 for Honolulu, and has not arrived there. The Phaeton will probably receive orders tomorrow to proceed to Honolulu. Today the local customs officials received instructions from the Treasury Department asking that any news of sloop be forwarded at once to Washington. This order was made at the urgent request of the British government.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—H. M. S. Egeria, which was to have left the drydock at Esquimaux yesterday, was delayed by the storm. She will come out of the dock today. She will begin coaling at once and make all preparations for going to sea, orders to that effect having been received. It is expected that she will sail before the end of the week to assist in the search for the Condor. When the lost vessel was up at New Westminster in October last to be at the royal city during the exhibition, Captain Schlater told a marine man that the construction of his vessel was not of the best, for with her high poop deck and forecabin and her high bulwarks and decks it would go hard with her if one of her larger guns should break its lashings, as did one of the nine-pounders of the flagship Warspite when the flagship sailed south in the heavy gale of December 3.

Death of Mrs. Abigail Drew.

One of the Honolulu's oldest inhabitants passed away to the great beyond yesterday morning, in the person of Mrs. Abigail Kamaio Drew, at the residence of her granddaughters, the Misses Ladd, Nuuanu Avenue. She was born during the early years of the reign of King Kamehameha II., on June 26, 1826, and she was therefore over seventy-five years of age.

Mrs. Abigail Drew was the daughter of Mr. Elwell, a native of Maine, who came to these Islands in the year 1824, as super-cargo of one of the trading vessels fitted out in Boston for the Pacific Coast and China trade, making these Islands a wayport for refitting and obtaining sandal wood. Mr. Elwell married an Hawaiian.

The deceased married Mr. Drew, a shipcarpenter, and was the mother of Joanna, Martha and Levi Drew, all of whom passed on before her. Joanna married William Newton Ladd, and later Antone Ross. By her daughter Joanna, she leaves three granddaughters surviving her, Mrs. Helen N. Ross, and her sisters, the Misses Emily and Mabel Ladd, and also three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, the interment to be in Nuuanu cemetery.

Life Ended by Duel.

HANOVER, Prussia, Jan. 18.—Herr von Bennigzen, Landrath of Hanover and father of the noted politician Rudolph von Bennigzen, died during the night as the result of a bullet wound in the breast sustained in a duel fought with Herr Falkenhagen, a tenant of the royal estate near Springen.

The duel was the outcome of the intimacy of Herr Falkenhagen with Frau von Bennigzen. The club to which Herr von Bennigzen belonged informed him of the stories in circulation. On Monday Bennigzen visited Hanover and returned to Springen in the evening, accompanied by Herr Falkenhagen. The next morning Herr von Bennigzen ordered his wife to leave his house and then challenged Herr Falkenhagen. The conditions of the duel were three rounds with pistols at ten paces. Herr von Bennigzen, who was short-sighted, was shot in the first round. His brother witnessed the duel.

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Distinction as to Bean Stick.

The following decision, which will settle many vexed points among Hawaiian importers, was lately received by Collector Stackable. The ruling follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Jan. 8, 1902

Sir:—The Department duly received your letter of October 5 last, relative to the dutiable classification of so-called bean stick and bean cake.

You state that bean stick imported at Honolulu on May last was returned by the gauger as "vegetable casein, or legumin, made from the juice of leguminous seeds by precipitation with acids or rennet," and was classified as a non-enumerated manufactured article under section 6 of the act of July 24, 1897.

The collector of customs at New York reports that bean stick is returned for duty at his port as a non-enumerated manufactured article at the rate of 20 percent ad valorem, under section 6 of said act, and bean cake as prepared vegetables at the rate of 40 percent ad valorem, under paragraph 241 of the same act.

You state that the bean stick passed on in Treasury decision 14618 of December 20, 1893 (G. A. 2376), which was followed by the collector of customs at Honolulu, was found on a chemical examination to "exhibit the department of an animal tissue, and to resemble physically the membranous tissues derived from fish," and, therefore, differed from the bean stick which was held in Treasury decisions 8819 of May 5, 1888, and 10243 of September 9, 1890 (G. A. 21), to be vegetables prepared.

I am of opinion that a distinction should be made between the two classes of bean stick as above indicated, and that Treasury decision 14618 should, therefore, not be construed as revoking Treasury decisions 8819 and 10243. I am further of opinion that bean cake should be classified as vegetables prepared, under paragraph 241 of the present tariff, in accordance with Treasury decision 19095 of March 11, 1898 (G. A. 4094).

Respectfully,

O. L. SPACLING,

Assistant Secretary.

The Auditor for the Treasury Department.

A National Home for Lepers.

A dispatch from Washington says that United States Senator Platt has introduced a bill into Congress providing for a national home for lepers, carrying out the ideas of the Berlin leper conference. The bill provides for the appointment of a national commissioner on leprosy, to be paid \$5000 per year and to reside either in New York or San Francisco. A mile square, to be located far from either the Pacific or Atlantic coast, and in a dry climate, is to be set apart for the leper home site, to be chosen by the board of leperologists, consisting of the national commissioner and four experts appointed by the boards of health of California, Louisiana, Minnesota and Florida. An appropriation of \$50,000 is made for the building of the home, which will be occupied only by lepers of the United States not including the insular possessions. The leper home is to be under the charge of the Marine Hospital Service.

Born.

MUIR—At Honolulu, Hawaii, January 28, 1902, to the wife of James M. Muir, a daughter.

LINDSAY—At Kamuela, South Kohala, Hawaii, January 15, 1902, to the wife of William Lindsay Jr., a son.

Swept by a Cyclone.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Jan. 18.—A cyclone has swept over the Canary Islands, doing much damage to property and causing a shipwreck.

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Appointment Confirmed by Senate.

The appointment of W. J. Robinson as circuit judge and E. R. Hendry as United States Marshal were both confirmed by the United States Senate on the 23rd of January, and the commissions for both are now thought to be on the way. The following dispatch from Washington appears in the San Francisco Examiner of January 24:

"WASHINGTON, January 23.—The Senate today confirmed the following nominations: W. J. Robinson, Judge of the Circuit Court, First Circuit of Hawaii; W. W. Follette, Colorado, Consulting Engineer of the United States on the International Commission with Mexico; United States Marshal E. R. Hendry, territory of Hawaii."

The commissions may arrive on the Hongkong Maru next Thursday, Robinson will then be sworn in and will be ready to take the bench at any time, helping out with the big calendar of the term.

Robinson will have the appointment of a clerk and bailiff of his court, but may not appoint any bailiff. He stated that owing to the shortage of funds he might go on without a bailiff. "The appropriation is already likely to give out before we get more money," said the new judge. "I shouldn't be surprised if it is necessary to get an emergency appropriation to get along with as soon as the next legislature meets."

Robinson will probably hold court in the room now occupied by the court stenographers. The work of the term will be apportioned among the three judges, who will make things lively about the Judiciary building during the term.—Star.

A large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity to pay the French cruiser Protet a visit during yesterday afternoon. The Roman Catholic Mission band discoursed music. All were made welcome, the officers and men being courteous in showing people around the ship.

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